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1. US REPS CONFERRED JUNE 25 WITH FRG DEPREP TO TRY TO CLARIFY TERMS OF FRG PROPOSAL OUTLINED IN REFTEL A.
2. FRG DEPREP SAID THAT ARMS CONTROL COMMISSIONER RUTH WOULD ATTEND SPC MEETING ON JUNE 27 AND FRG WOULD ADVANCE A PROPOSAL ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES.
3. MAJOR UNITS WOULD BE LISTED BY THE QUOTE OFFICIAL DESIGNATION UNQUOTE USED AT NATO WHICH WOULD IN EACH CASE INDICATE NATIONALITY.

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THE GERMANS WOULD PREFER THAT THE GUIDANCE NOT EXPLICITLY STATE THAT NATIONALITY WOULD BE GIVEN. (COMMENT: FOR DOMESTIC REASONS, FRG AUTHORITIES DO NOT WANT TO BE SEEN AS APPROVING THE CONCEPT THAT THE NATIONAL DESIGNATIONS OF UNITS WOULD BE GIVEN AND PREFER TO TAKE COVER BEHIND THE CONCEPT THAT ONLY OFFICIAL DESIGNATIONS WILL BE GIVEN. END COMMENT)

4. NATIONALITY OF PERSONNEL NOT IN MAJOR UNITS AND NOT IN INTERNATIONAL STAFF HEADQUARTERS WILL ALSO BE STATED.

5. NATIONALITY OF PERSONNEL IN INTERNATIONAL STAFFS WILL NOT RPT NOT BE SPECIFIED.

6. FRG DEP REP WAS NOT CLEAR AS TO THE NUMBER OF ALLIED PERSONNEL IN INTERNATIONAL STAFFS BUT THOUGHT IT WAS LESS THAN 10,000. (COMMENT: ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION THE FIGURE WOULD BE LESS THAN 8500. END COMMENT)

7. FRG WILL PROPOSE THAT THE EXCHANGE OF DATA BE IMPLEMENTED IN SEVERAL CONSECUTIVE STEPS WITH THE PURPOSE OF WATERING DOWN STILL FURTHER ANY IMPRESSION THAT NATIONAL FIGURES HAVE BEEN TABLED. THESE STEPS WOULD APPEAR TO BE AS FOLLOWS: (1) MAJOR GROUND FORCE UNITS; (2) GROUND FORCE PERSONNEL NOT IN MAJOR UNITS; (3) GROUND FORCE PERSONNEL IN INTERNATIONAL STAFFS; (4) MAJOR AIR FORCE UNITS; (5) AIR FORCE PERSONNEL NOT IN MAJOR UNITS; (6) AIR FORCE PERSONNEL IN INTERNATIONAL STAFFS. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHAT INTERVAL WOULD BE REQUIRED BETWEEN STEPS OR HOW IT WOULD BE DEFINED.

8. THE FRG WILL NOW PROPOSE THAT THE GUIDANCE CONTAIN LANGUAGE SUCH AS THEY ORIGINALLY SUGGESTED IN THEIR INITIAL PROPOSAL (REF B, PARA 6/7) WHICH WOULD EXPLICITLY DIRECT THE AD HOC GROUP NOT RPT NOT TO CONFIRM THE ACCURACY OF FIGURES FOR NATIONAL FORCES IF THE EAST DERIVES THEM BY ADDING TABLED WESTERN DATA AND ASKS FOR SECRET

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CONFIRMATION.

9. RUTH HAS GAINED GENSCHER'S SUPPORT FOR HIS INSISTENCE THAT GUIDANCE TO AD HOC GROUP SHOULD REQUIRE ALLIED NEGOTIATORS TO MAKE CLEAR, IF NECESSARY, THAT TABLING OF MANPOWER FIGURES WITH A NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION IS WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE WESTERN POSITION OF REJECTING INDIVIDUAL REDUCTION COMMITMENTS FOR FORCES EXCEPT US AND SOVIET. FRG DEPREP THOUGHT FRG WOULD INSIST ON THIS POINT, BUT MIGHT SHOW SOME GIVEN ON THE TWO OTHER POINTS (E.G. THE STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH TO EXCHANGING DATA AND THE PROHIBITION AGAINST CONFIRMING NATIONAL TOTALS DERIVED FROM TABLED WESTERN DATA).

10. WE WILL COMMENT ON FRG PROPOSAL AS SOON AS FULL DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AFTER TODAY'S SPC MEETING. ONE THING IS ALREADY CLEAR: FRG AGREEMENT TO GIVE NATIONAL DESIGNATION TO MOST PERSONNEL IN RESIDUAL UNITS IS USEFUL AND COULD PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR AN ALLIED PROPOSAL TO THE EAST. HOWEVER, THE ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS SOUGHT BY THE FRG AS AN ADJUNCT TO THIS STEP COULD, IF THEY ARE RETAINED IN THEIR PRESENT FORM, CAUSE A CONCEPT WHICH AT BEST WILL BE DIFFICULT TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE EAST TO BECOME NON-NEGOTIABLE.

11. WE ASSUME SECRETARY'S RESPONSE WILL BE PUT OFF UNTIL AFTER
DETAILS OF FRG PRESENTATION TO SPC AND DELEGATION COMMENTS ON IT
HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.
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